

**Distinctions between**  
**Dual Standing and Privilege of Call**

Candidates, calling bodies and associations are often confused as to whether Dual Standing or Privilege of Call is needed or desired and/or appropriate.

The chart below is intended to help clarify some of the basic issues.

- Dual Standing is a temporary authorization given to a minister from another denomination who has been called to a setting of the United Church of Christ. With such authorization, comes all of the rights, privileges and responsibilities of a United Church of Christ minister. Procedures for granting Dual Standing are found in Manual on Ministry (Section 4, pages 1-2).
- Privilege of Call is granted to a minister from another denomination who wishes to leave his/her present denomination and become an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ. The process, found in Manual on Ministry (Section 4, pages 2-17), carefully indicates the expectations and requirements of the candidate, along with the steps needed to be taken by the minister and the Committee on the Ministry.

<b>Comparison</b>	<b>Dual Standing</b>	<b>Privilege of Call</b>
<b>Who would apply?</b>	Ordained minister from another denomination, serving in a setting of the UCC	Ordained minister in another denomination who wishes to become and serve in UCC
<b>Relationship with present denomination</b>	Wishes to retain current denominational standing	Wishes to relinquish present standing and become UCC
<b>Duration</b>	Ends at conclusion of the ministry in that UCC setting	Full and ongoing standing in UCC
<b>Portability</b>	Not transferable from one association to another	As a minister with standing in the UCC, may transfer standing to any new ministry setting